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# Miss McCowan's Classroom Tribune

## Hello Parents!

First, I want to say welcome to a new school year! I am excited for all that this year has in store!

In our classroom, we will be focusing on reading and writing. I feel that this is an important part and vital part in your child's development. This does not mean that the other subjects will take a back burner, but it is my goal to incorporate language arts into all of the subjects.

With that being said I am beginning an initiative to



incorporate multicultural literature into my classroom. This will include literature as required reading as well as in the classroom library. There are many different benefits to reading multicultural literature. I wanted to present some of the big projects and books we will be enjoying a long with the benefits that I have found in presenting this literature through the language arts curriculum!

## Benefits of Multicultural Literature

Benefits of this type of literature include:

- Tolerance in the Classroom
- Positive Self-Image Development
- Development of Moral values and Beliefs
- Critical Thinking skills

## Future Projects

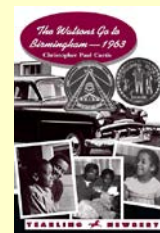
In working with our multicultural literature, we will begin our biggest project of the year, our **Multicultural Journals!** So what is a multicultural journal?

This journal will be used specifically while reading our multicultural books. Each student will have a prompt at the end of each week which will help them think about what they are reading and reflect on the material. .

You will receive more information regarding the project in the upcoming weeks!

## What are we reading?

This six weeks we will be reading *The Watson's Go to Birmingham -- 1963*!



This book was written by Christopher Paul Curtis in 1995. It received a Newberry Honor as well as a Coretta Scott King Award.

## Assignments Outlook

- Journal Prompt
- Reading Detective
- Math Problems Worksheet
- World Map Assignment

All assignments will be due on Friday! Ten points will be deducted from all late assignments!

## Reminders!

- Bring decorations for journal!
- Turn in student information form.
- Don't forget to provide your children with lunch money!



## Classroom Wish List

We will need the following supplies to enhance your student's learning:

1. Paper Plates
2. Construction Paper
3. Toilet Paper/ Paper Towel Rolls
4. Old Shoe boxes
5. Popsicle Sticks
6. Tissue Paper
7. Old T-shirts

## This Week's Highlights

### Monday

Decorating our journals!

### Tuesday

Book introduction

### Wednesday

Writing in Journals

### Thursday

Student Assembly- Special surprise guest! 😊

### Friday

Pizza Party!

## Upcoming Events

### Ice Cream Social with Principal Neal

August 27, 1:50 P.M.

### Pizza Party with Vice Principal Robles

August 29, 11:45 A.M.

### Open House

Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 P.M.

### School Assembly

This week's school assembly, we will have a surprise special guest! On Thursday students can dress up in their favorite sport team's gear!

## If you have any questions:

Here is my contact information!

Please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is the quickest form of communication, but phone calls are thoroughly appreciated! 😊

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